STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2008-002.

Application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
For a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Concord Lateral Expansion Project

June 20, 2008

ORDER ON COMPLETENESS AND ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY PURSUANT TO RSA 162-H: 6, III.

On or about April 21, 2008, the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Concord Lateral Expansion Project (Application). The Applicant petitions the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) in order to construct and operate a new energy facility in Pelham, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, consisting of a compressor station, designated as Station 270B1, on Tennessee's Line 270B-100. The compressor station shall consist of a 6,130 horsepower turbine driven centrifugal compressor unit fueled by natural gas that will be installed inside a new compressor building. Associated facilities that will also be constructed and operated by the Applicant include a filter separator, discharge gas cooler, and blow down silencer, control building, and an auxiliary building. (The compressor station, the compressor building and the associated facilities are hereinafter collectively referred to as the Pelham Facilities.) The construction and operation of the compressor will allow the Applicant to provide an incremental 30,000 dekatherms per day of capacity to Energy North.

In order to accommodate the increased capacity created by the aforementioned compressor unit, the Applicant also plans to modify station piping at its existing Laconia Meter Station located in Concord, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. The existing meter station is comprised of 2 measuring facilities: the Concord measuring facility and the Laconia measuring facility (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Concord Facilities.) The Applicant proposes to replace a total of approximately 60 feet of existing 4" and 6" pipe from Line 273C-100 to the Laconia measuring facility with 12" pipe. Additionally, existing 6" piping within the meter station will be reconfigured and reconnected between Lines 273C-100 and 270B-100 to serve as a tie-over line to insure continuous service in the event of outages on the primary line.

On May 23, 2008, the Committee issued an Order and Notice of Public Meeting to be held June 16, 2008 (Notice) for the purpose of reviewing the Application to determine whether it contained sufficient information for the Committee to carry out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H. *See*, R.S.A. 162-H: 6, II. The Notice also required petitions to intervene to be filed on or before June 16, 2008.

The Applicant published the Notice in the *Concord Monitor* on May 31, 2008, and in the *Manchester Union Leader* and the *Nashua Telegraph* on June 2, 2008.

As of June 16, 2008, the Committee has not received petitions to intervene from any person or organization.

On May 9, 2008, counsel for the Committee advised certain state agencies, by letter, of the filing of the Application and requested that agencies with jurisdiction over portions of the Application to advise the Committee as to whether or not the Application contained sufficient information for the purposes of the exercise of that agency's jurisdiction. Additionally, similar letters were forwarded to the Selectmen of the Town of Pelham, New Hampshire, the City of Concord, New Hampshire, the Greater Nashua Regional Planning Commission and the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission on May 13, 2008.

On May 16, 2008 the Committee received correspondence from the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. The Air Resources Division reported that the Application contained sufficient information for the exercise of its jurisdiction over the required air permit.

On May 23, 2008, the Committee received correspondence from the Water Division of the Department of Environmental Services advising that the Application contained sufficient information for the exercise of jurisdiction over the issuance of an on-site waste water permit and an alteration of terrain permit. The Applicant represents that there will be no wetland impacts as a result of the proposed construction and/or operation of the proposed facilities.

Although other state agencies may have concerns or proposed conditions pertaining to the Application in this docket, no other state agency appears to have jurisdiction for the purposes of permitting or licensing. The Committee has not received correspondence from any agency suggesting that the Application does not contain sufficient information to carry out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H. Likewise, neither the regional planning commissions nor the affected municipalities have suggested that the Application is incomplete.

On June 16, 2008, the Committee held a hearing for the purpose of reviewing the Application in order to determine if it contained sufficient information for the Committee to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H. The Committee finds that the Application does contain sufficient information permitting the Committee to exercise its statutory function in carrying out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H. Therefore, the Committee determines that the Application is complete. However, this determination of completeness shall not limit the Committee, public counsel, state agencies, other parties or intervenors from seeking additional information or propounding data requests to the Applicant.

Having found the Application to be complete for the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H: 6, II, the Committee hereby accepts the Application and all attachments thereto pursuant to RSA 162-H: 6, III.

Based upon the foregoing it is hereby:

ORDERED: That the Application is found to contain sufficient information for the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H; and,

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Application is hereby accepted pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H: 6, III.

BY ORDER OF THE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE, this 20th day of June, 2008.

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman